

REMARKS

Claims 3-5 and 18-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3-5 and 18-19 are amended and claims 1-2, 7-10 and 15-17 are canceled. Claims 7-10 and 15-17 are being canceled because they are directed to a non-elected group. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application to pursue the non-elected claims.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Kugel at the interview held January 22, 2007 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

Claims 1-5 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as being not enabled. As discussed with the examiner during the interview, the claims have been amended to recite that the first, second and third substances are selected from a Markush group of compounds. Because the term "any substance" has been deleted, the claims are now enabled, as agreed to by the Examiner. Withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Date, and claims 1-3, 5, 7-11 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Matsui. These rejections are respectfully traversed

As discussed during the interview, neither Date nor Matsui teaches or suggests conductive particles each having a plurality of crushable microcapsules that adhere to a surface of the conductive particles. Moreover, both Date and Matsui fail to teach or suggest other features of the claims. With respect to Date, in the Examples provided in which the epoxy resin precursor is provided in Agent A and its curing agent in Agent B, this reference fails to teach a third substance that is curable by a reaction with the second substance, the reaction occurring by heating, to form the adhesive. With respect to Matsui, this reference

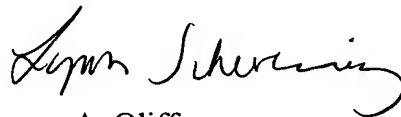
fails to teach or suggest a third substance curable by reaction with the second substance, the reaction occurring by heating, because there is no heating of the Matsui substances (which in order to correspond to the claims must be considered as the second and third substances) in the "other portions" of this reference's adhesive.

In view of the above, neither Date nor Matsui teaches or suggests all features of the claims. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejections based on these references is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 3-5 and 18-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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